(c) Government of India have already initiated action for conduct of a census of handlooms at national level which will cover the socio-economic & operational aspects of the handloom industry in all the States, including Andhra Pradesh.

Loss of mandays

380. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of mandays lost during the last six months ending on 31st March, 1987, due to strikes, bands and other agitations in the country; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to the latest available information, the number of mandays lost during the six months period ending 31st January, 1987 due to strike and lock-outs is estimated at 6.98 million. Information on loss of mandays due to bands and agitations is not maintained.

(b) Government are keeping a constant watch on the industrial relations situation in the country. The Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Centre and in the States continue to make efforts to reduce work-stoppages through preventive mediation, conciliation and arbitration.

Pollution of River Gomati

381. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any inquiry has been made into the incident of serious pollution of the river Gomati in Lucknow which took place in December, 1986;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry and the particulars of the industry/factory which was held responsible therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken to prosecute the management of the industry/factory and what steps have been taken to prevent such incidents of pollution of river waters in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the investigation conducted by the State Pollution Control Board, the fish kill in the river was due to excessive discharge of untreated effluents from M/s Oudh Sugar Mills, Sitapur and M/s Mohan Meakins Breweries, Lucknow.

(c) The State Pollution Control Board filed a writ petition against the management of the concerned industries and the Court has directed the industries to provide for adequate treatment facilities by the end of 1987. The industries have also been directed to make an interim arrangement for holding the effluents in lagoons so that these are not directly discharged into the river.

The steps taken to prevent such incidents of river water pollution include the following:

(1) Effluent standards have been prescribed and the industries have been directed to comply with the standards on a time bound basis; and

(2) Prosecutions have been launched against the defaulting units.

Charges against Officers of Kanpur Mills of NTC

382. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEX-